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CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Violation: December 18, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(1) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(1) The availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to comply with the provisions of this subchapter;

You failed to establish and maintain the availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to adequately treat and diagnose animals in your care. On the above date, APHIS observed that the roof of the surgery room was leaking rain water. APHIS also observed water stained ceiling tiles as well as mold on ceiling tiles and inside ceiling light fixtures.

Date of Violation: December 18, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to ensure housing facilities were structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. On the above date, APHIS observed cracked security glass in the lion enclosure facing the public.

Date of Violation: December 18, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.127(c) Facilities, outdoor.

(c) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

You failed to provide a suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water from primary enclosures. On the above date, APHIS observed an excessive accumulation of water in the shelter area under the viewing platform of the rhino exhibit and moat area due to poor drainage.

Date of Violation: April 18, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(1) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(1) The availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to comply with the provisions of this subchapter;

You failed to establish and maintain the availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to adequately treat and diagnose animals in your care. On the above date, APHIS observed that the roof of the surgery room was leaking rain water. APHIS also observed water stained ceiling tiles as well as mold on ceiling tiles, inside ceiling light fixtures, and on the wall under the air conditioning unit.

Date of Violation: April 18, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to ensure housing facilities were structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. On the above date, APHIS observed excessive rust and jagged edges on the bars of the door leading from the shelter area to the exhibit area in the tiger enclosure.

Date of Violation: August 12, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(1) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(1) The availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to comply with the provisions of this subchapter;

You failed to establish and maintain the availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to adequately treat and diagnose animals in your care. On the above date, APHIS observed that the roof of the laboratory was leaking rain water. APHIS also observed that the top of the wall cabinets were rusted and water was

observed dripping onto the counter.

Date of Violation: August 12, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

You failed to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries of animals in your care. On the above date, APHIS observed two 13 year old tigers that appeared underweight. APHIS easily observed ribs, hip, and vertebral column bones. You did not have recent weight records or blood work for the animals.

Date of Violation: August 12, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.127(c) Facilities, outdoor.

(c) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

You failed to provide a suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water from primary enclosures. On the above date, APHIS observed an excessive accumulation of water in the lion enclosure due to poor drainage.

Date of Violation: September 6, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.84(b)(3)(iii) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

(b) Sanitization of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles.

(3) Hard surfaces of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles must be sanitized using one of the following methods:

(iii) Washing all soiled surfaces with appropriate detergent solutions or disinfectants, or by using a combination detergent/disinfectant product that accomplishes the same purpose, with a thorough cleaning of the surfaces to remove organic material, so as to remove all organic material and mineral buildup, and to provide sanitization followed by a clean water rinse.

You failed to adequately clean hard surfaces of primary enclosures. On the above date, APHIS observed an excessive accumulation of algae on the walls and floor of the chimpanzee enclosure as well as a rusted door entering the enclosure.



Date of Violation: September 6, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.127(c) Facilities, outdoor.

(c) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

You failed to provide a suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water from primary enclosures. On the above date, APHIS observed an excessive accumulation of water in the lion, rhino, and bear enclosures due to poor drainage.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$2,714.